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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to prosecution, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 3-4, without prejudice and substitute the following claims:

5. Method according to claim 1, wherein the titanium carrier comprises up to 95 wt.% iron oxide.

6. Method according to claim 1, wherein the titanium carrier comprises from 20 to 80 wt. % iron oxide.

7. Method according to claim 1, wherein the titanium carrier contains at least one oxide selected from the group consisting of calcium oxide, silicon oxide, aluminum oxide and magnesium oxide.

8. Method according to claim 2, wherein the titanium carrier contains at least one oxide selected from the group consisting of calcium oxide, silicon oxide, aluminum oxide and magnesium oxide.